GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Construction of Highways
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highway projects that are still under construction for more then six years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for delayed completion of those projects; and

(c) the details of the highway projects that have been pending for environment clearances along with the steps taken by the Government to coordinate with the Ministry of Environment and Forest for early clearances?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) The projects have been delayed due to problems in land acquisition, utility shifting, non availability of Soil/Aggregates, Poor performance of contractors, Forest/Wildlife Clearance, ROB & RUB issue with Railways, Public agitation for additional facilities, Arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. The details of projects under construction for more than six years are annexed.

(c) Generally, environment clearance is not the cause of pendency of highway projects. However, one project, which is yet to be awarded, of widening and improvement of existing highway of 2-lane to 4/6 lane of Bhavangr-Paparan-Porbandar-Dwarka section of NH-8E in the State of Gujarat is pending for environment clearance. The requirements for prior Environment clearance for highway projects have been modified and relaxed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on constant pursuance by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H). The clearance proposals are pursued by NHAI on regular basis. The Group of Infrastructure constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (RTH) meets regularly to review the progress of clearance proposals.